

4 August 1982
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau-- August 1982

I. GENERAL

The American charge d'affaires in Swaziland, John Hartley, now expects to be replaced in the next few months, soon after the expected arrival of the new ambassador. The embassy is undergoing a major turnover for such a small post. It is still awaiting the replacements for the consular officer, the GSO, and the local Peace Corps and AID directors, who have all departed. Ambassador-designate Phinny has not yet been confirmed by the Senate, and South African papers have reported that he is running into fire in his confirmation hearings.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

A. The bureau was called on to assist in crisis coverage of both Zimbabwe and Kenya. We added coverage of all Harare English newscasts within our duty hours during the hostage incident in Zimbabwe when the BBC Central African Unit had a communications staffing problem.

During the unsuccessful coup attempt in Kenya, the Wire Service telephoned Swaziland to have the bureau open operations on Sunday afternoon, 1 August. Unfortunately, we were unable to provide any coverage of Kenya or its neighboring countries, although this situation may improve later when all our planned antennas are in operation. In the effort to cover Kenya, the monitoring work was done by newly arrived editor [redacted] and Abidjan monitor [redacted]

[redacted] arrived on Saturday and was called in to work on Sunday afternoon.

B. The bureau has begun receiving airmail subscriptions to one daily paper from Zimbabwe, one from Zambia, three from Mauritius, one from Malawi, and two from Namibia, as well as several weeklies. We are also receiving three South African dailies by mail in addition to the two we get regularly in Mbabane. The lag times on these subscriptions is not reliably established yet, but several papers arrive within 3 or 4 days.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Two teletypist applicants and one monitor applicant -- the latter with Zulu, siSwati, seSotho, and some Afrikaans ability -- are being processed for Embassy clearances. Another teletypist applicant to whom we had made an offer has withdrawn. We still have one good teletypist prospect left. Efforts continue to recruit Portuguese monitors, focusing now in South Africa and elsewhere outside Swaziland.

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Renovation work on the editorial room end of the bureau is still not finished. One of the last jobs due to start soon ~~soon~~ is construction of built-in counters in the teletype room. As soon as that is finished, the editorial, communications, and administrative operation will move permanently back to that end of the building. Another job to be started soon is the installation of the weather head for the antennas' entry into the building. Wood paneling is now being installed in the bureau chief's office and reception area.
2. The installation of the generator is nearly complete. It might be operational in a few days. At that time the bureau's commercial power service can be routed through the new power panels, and 110-volt power will be available throughout the bureau, as well as the 220-volt power now available.
3. Title of all four bureau residences has been transferred officially to the U.S. government, completing the lengthy purchase process. The last one cleared on 3 August. Renovation work is truly nearing completion on the deputy chief's house, and work continues on what is to be the "engineer's house." This project is keeping the engineer, [redacted] temporarily in the "editor's house" and keeping the editor in a motel.

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IV. VISITS

1. Editor [redacted], and their young son arrived on PCS on 22 July, just in time to

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see some "local color" with crowds in traditional native dress celebrating the King's birthday -- his 83d.

2. Bureau Chief [redacted] and his family departed on home leave on 22 July.

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3. The chief of Field Engineering Branch, [redacted] visited the bureau 28 to 31 July.

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4. Abidjan monitor [redacted] arrived on 31 July for 6 month's TDY to help train new monitors here.

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Acting Chief
Swaziland Bureau, FBIS

Attachments:
Production Report
Engineering Report

cc: Chief, Abidjan Bureau

SWAZILAND BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	23,970
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	10,480
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	95

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	555 min	0 min	83 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	630		
MAURITIUS			
Port Louis Domestic Service in English	140		
Port Louis LE MAURICEN in French			910
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	1,060		
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	3,700		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	3,040		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	1,450		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	2,620		
Johannesburg RAND DAILY MAIL in English			3,390
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			2,480

	BROAD- CASTS	PUBLI- CATIONS
SWAZILAND		
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English		180
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English		730
ZAMBIA		
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English		1,400
ZIMBABWE		
Harare Domestic Service in English	1,970	
Harare THE HERALD in English		270

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SWAZILAND BUREAU ENGINEERING REPORT FOR JULY 1982

The following non-expendable property has been received:

Two KEPCO polar power supplies with chassis \$900	Received from Hqs
One 15KVA Diesel Generator, S.A. Lister HR2/3, \$8,512	Purchased locally
One Toyota Cressida Station Wagon, \$8,979.75	Purchased locally
One Color Television Receiver LUXOR, 20-inch, \$620.87	Purchased locally